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Serial No. 09/748,706)	
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WITH MICROSPHERES)	
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Since copies of the references were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Applications; Serial No. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998 or

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09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998 and U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999 which is a continuation of 08/944, 850, filed October 6, 1997.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/315,584, filed June 20, 1999.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999 ; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000.
5. U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998; U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 14, 1997; and U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999.
6. U.S.S.N. 08/851,203, filed May 5, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 09/187,289, filed November 5, 1998.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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